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Hi all.

Here are the topics covered in our first debriefing meeting.

Janetta, following the topics are points of discussion that the team would like guidance on from you during our 10am meeting on 9/11.

Topics Covered

1. There was a request from Harris EOC for the EPA CLs to assist with the manning of the EOC phone bank. EPA were unsure if this request was outside the scope of our duties and would appreciate a thumbs up or down on this – in case it gets requested again.
2. Carol and Michelle have identified a need for our EPA fact sheets, etc., to be translated to Spanish.
3. The team is interested in the capabilities of, and possible timeline for, the use of the mobile labs for private well testing.
4. The CLs in Lake Charles saw people swimming in the flooded waters. Recommendation was to send an email to Janetta about this. Information needs to be disseminated to the people that this is not safe.
5. There have been some changes in staffing that might require new assignments. The information that there is a one-person team has been sent to Janetta.
6. If CLs feel that they have exhausted all the work in one county, they hope to receive a new assignment the next day that they are available. In this situation, the CLs will provide Janetta the request for a new assignment.
7. Once CLs have been told by County EOC staff that they are not needed, what is the expectation for reaching out to the next lower unit of government (cities, villages, townships)? Direction was given to the CLs that they should do this.
8. CLs are extremely interested in knowing how the EJ communities (including rural, Colonia populations, etc.) are being reached and want to know who is reaching out to them to assess their needs. Gloria Vaughn explained some of her work in the Harris EJ communities. CLs are unsure of their role in the effort to reach out to these communities. CLs are willing and able to contact these communities to assess their needs and feel that this is within the scope of the CL Plan.

09/11/17 Meeting Discussion Points

- A. Highest Priority Discussion Point: CLs are unsure of their role in the effort to reach out to the EJ (and similar) communities to determine the need for information and resources and the CLs request clarification on this. CLs feel that we are trained and able to handle this within their assigned counties and that this work falls within the scope of the Community Liaison Plan. CLs would like be assured that this is a task that

we are welcome to perform and would like to treat the EJ community outreach in a similar manner to how the CL approaches the county EOCs (ask if they have any needs, offer assistance, provide EPA fact sheets and information, etc.).

B. Is the manning of phones for the EOC by EPA CLs allowed if requested? While the CLs agree that this possibly isn't the best use of our resources, if there is a pressing need – perhaps for a finite amount of time - we aren't averse to the work. Especially if the CLs are utilized for expertise in environmental requests.

C. The team is interested in the capabilities of, and possible timeline, for the use of the mobile labs. CLs would like an update on this for private well testing.

D. Updated staffing assignments so that there are no one-person teams.

E. Updated assignments are requested for teams that feel there is nothing more to do in their assigned county.

Thank you for allowing us to present topics for the 10am meeting that we need clarification on. We are interested in making sure that we are as effective as we possibly can be for the citizens of Texas. We look forward to the call at 10am.

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